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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## THOUSANDS PASS OVER BIER OF MOTHER BAILEY



BISHOP J. S. BAILEY is escorted from Cathedral following rites for his wife, Dr. Anne L. Bailey, who was International Supervisor of Women's Convention of Church of God in Christ.

### OBITUARY Written by Mother Bailey

and submitted by the family

Mrs. Anne L. Bailey, was born September 22, 1894, in Temple, Texas. Her parents were Reverend and Mrs. Felix Garrett. She was converted at the age of 12 years old and embraced the Baptist faith.

This she believed with all her heart. God, for Christ's sake, forgave her and washed her from sin in his own blood, baptizing her with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

The late B. J. Mitchell was her pastor. In 1916, Elder J. E. Bryant became her pastor and she served God and her church well as all will testify that knew her. God's anointing resting on her as she went about doing good. In the year 1919, she left the southland in the company of her pastor, Sis. Hattie Robinson Fray and Sister M. M. Jackson, coming to Buffalo, New York. There she labored untiringly in the ministry, in missions and on the streets until a work was established in New Jersey, Connecticut, New York city, Springfield and Boston, Mass.



MOTHER BAILEY

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By Robbie L. McCoy  
(Chronicle religion editor)

More than 10,000 people passed the bier of Dr. Anne L. Bailey during two memorial services, one held Sunday at Bailey Temple Church of God in Christ, the other Monday at Bailey Cathedral, and at final rites held at Bailey Cathedral Tuesday morning.

Dr. Bailey was president of the Women's Convention of International Church of God in Christ and wife of Bishop J.S. Bailey, a member of the COGIC general board of directors and pastor of Detroit's Bailey and Seth Temple churches.

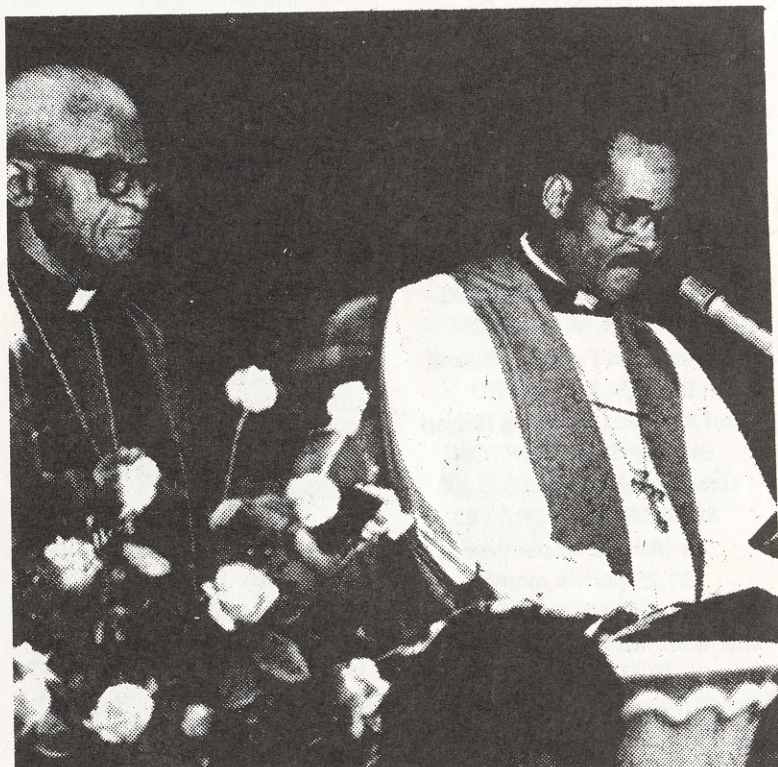
Presiding at the memorials was Elder Earl J. Wright. Presiding during the women's hour was Mrs. Madge Cyars, assistant supervisor of northeastern Michigan.

Memorial participants included Bishops P.A. Brooks, C.L. Anderson, Herbert Williams, B.H. Harrison and C.L. Morton; state supervisors M.L. Belvin, Mary Hopkins, Mary Hunter, Mary Lucas, Allie Crutcher and Bertha Ford; Elder Daniel Watts, of Benton Harbor, Elder James McCarty, Carol Denham, Philip Jackson, Henry Williams, Mother Eunice Gordon, Joyce Jones, Missionary Reed, Joanne Cotton, James Marx, Dr. Mattie McGlothen and Elder Rogers Jones.

Presiding at final rites was Bishop O.M. Kelley, of New York, and directing the women's hour was Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, of Lexington, Miss. Delivering the principal eulogy was International Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, of Memphis.

Other service participants included Bishop C.L. Anderson, invocation; Bishop H.J. Williams, of Michigan, and Bishop Leroy Anderson, New York, scriptures;

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BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON of Memphis, presiding bishop of International Church of God in Christ, is shown following delivery of eulogy for Dr. Anne L. Bailey. Looking on is Bishop O. M. Kelly of New York.

### THE LIFE STORY of MOTHER ANNE BAILEY "In Poetic Form" by Frances Curtis MY LIFE

*During the 19th century - year of 1894  
I became the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Felix Garrett you know.  
Being the third child of a family of nine  
To me this was just fine  
Not having the responsibility of the oldest child  
Nor being the youngest, forced to be meek and mild  
I was small and sickly as a child  
But as parents are, they were proud of my profile  
As I matured from childhood to youth,  
May I impart to you the truth.*

*My religious background was Baptist inspired  
Christian principles were required  
As far as I can recollect,*

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## YESTERDAY, TODAY, & TOMORROW

Part I

(A short synopsis by Presiding Bishop on the past, present, and future direction of C.O.G.I.C.)

### YESTERDAY

As we of the Church of God in Christ prepare for our 2nd century, let us look back before we leap forward. Aware, always, that our destiny and all we now do, is the direct result of one man's blessed dream, one man's holy vision...

"In 1906 we built a large brick church...commodious and accommodating to all." Elder C. H. Mason, Founder

Surely we all remember the following happenings from Elder Mason's own memoirs:

March, 1907-Los Angeles, California

"The sound of a mighty wind was in me and my soul cried, 'Jesus, only none like you', my soul cried and soon I began to die. It seemed I heard the groaning of Christ on the Cross dying for me. All the work was in me until I died out of the old man. The sound stopped for a

little while. My soul cried "Oh, God, finish your work in me." Then the sound broke out in me again. Then I felt something raising me out of my seat without any effort of my own. I said, "It may be imagination", looked down to see it was really so. I saw that I was rising. Then I gave up for the Lord to have His way within me. So there came a wave of glory into me, and all my being was filled with the glory of the Lord. So when He

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## EDITORIAL PAGE

# DR. ANNE L. BAILEY'S LAST MESSAGE TO THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT  
 DR. ANNE L. BAILEY

My daughters, wisdom is the gift of God. "Surely there is a vein for the SILVER, and a place for Gold-" Job 28.

There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and vulture's eye hath not seen. The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.

We are living in the evening of the age and let us, as HOLY WOMEN be wise unto salvation. Our God has so abundantly blessed us; lifted us from sinking sand; sheltered us from the raging storm; cradled us in the riches of His glory; and it is the joy and rejoicing of my heart to magnify His Holy name!

Size is not always an indication of importance. We all stop to look at a big man walking in a crowd. But he is not always superior to his less noticeable companions. The giant, Goliath was no doubt a splendid figure on the field of battle; but he was no match for the ruddy stripling, David.

**A TRIBUTE TO OUR  
S T A T E  
SUPERVISOR...MOTHER  
ANNE L. BAILEY**

by

Dorothy J. Magwood  
 Secretary

WHO CAN FORGET HER?  
 NEW JERSEY CANNOT, WHY?

A pioneer of this great church of ours, Mother Bailey has served and paved the way for many. Who has touched many lives, both male and female. Who has trained and encouraged many, many church women under her jurisdiction?

It was in 1920, when Mother Bailey, in the company of others in her pioneer work, stopped in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and then on to the East. Over fifty-five years ago she pioneered in Buffalo, New York, New York City, Connecticut, Mass., and then on to New Jersey. In 1921, in Trenton, New Jersey, the first Convocation for this great state was held. The late overseer Bryant and Mother Lula Cox were presiding, and the first state Evangelists were brought to Trenton to share in the growth of this great state. One dedicated young woman, Mother Anne L. Bailey, was there, along with others who are now all deceased.

In 1922, when the second Convocation was held in Orange, Mother Bailey served, not only teaching, but cooking or whatever her hands found for her to do. She became the first secretary in New Jersey and served until 1943.

In 1922, when she and others labored with Elder Luther

There are small things which wield a mighty influence. A rudder is a small thing to compare to the ship it steers. But who wants to be on a rudderless ship?

Your home may be very small and humble, but would you exchange it and all that it means for a residence in the biggest hotel in the world? "Every wise woman buildeth her house, but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands." Proverbs 14

A man may be a very small creature, but would you rather be an elephant, or the man who controls him?

WORDS are little things, but what tremendous power for good or evil they may exert..

WANTED-Women

*Not systems fit and wise,  
 Not faiths with rigid eyes,  
 Not wealth in mountain piles,  
 Not power with gracious smiles,  
 Not even the potent pen-  
 Wanted-WOMEN*

Hamilton under the tent, the First Church of Newark, (then known as the "Mother Church", which was a storefront), and during this pioneer work with the late Elder Hamilton, many souls were saved and added to the church.

In 1925, when the late Bishop James Wells (known as Brother) was sent to Newark to begin work on the street corners of Montgomery and Broome streets (skid row), he was so shy that Mother Bailey, along with other Missionaries and Bishop Wells wife Doll, helped build the work on the street corner with the telegraph pole as their pulpit and the sky as their covering. The people gathered and followed them, until they had to house them. They moved from the street corner into the storefront at 210 Broome Street. The work in Newark grew and grew; Mother Bailey called Newark the "Hotbed." Bishop Wells built 215 Broome Street when the storefront was not large enough, but it soon became too small. Wells Cathedral was purchased for God's people, which is the largest edifice in New Jersey, but it all started on the street corner.

No! No! New Jersey cannot forget her, Mother Anne L. Bailey, for her worksake, for her dedication to God. Sometimes her clothes were threadbare, shoe soles very thin, but she was a non-complainer, she wanted God glorified. "Sweet Orange", as Mother Bailey called it, was the second Church of God in Christ built in New Jersey, where, because of her labor, it was fruitful. Orange has produced good timber, also New Brunswick, Camden, Woodbury, Bayonne, Jersey City and others. Only Eternity will reveal Mother



ANSWERS  
 TO  
 YOUR QUESTIONS  
 by  
 Bishop J. O. Patterson  
 Presiding Bishop of C.O.G.I.C.

Dear Bishop Patterson,

*I am a Pastor of a relatively small congregation. A few years ago a young man joined my church, he got saved during my ministry, he expressed to me that he had a strong desire to preach and felt God called him. Naturally I did encourage his ministry.*

*I made him my platform chairman. About a year ago he decided to start a church across the street from mine. He walked off with 18 of my members. Is there any kind of protection a minister has in the church constitution from men like this?*

Signed,  
 L. James, Mississippi

Dear L. James:

I think you were very Godly to encourage and support the ministry of this young man. Unfortunately there is no constitutional protection, to my knowledge, a Pastor has against such behaviour. There is however a moral code of ethics a minister must subscribe to if he is to have God's approval. It would seem to me that this minister is more concerned about your failure than his success. The Bible says "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory. . ."

Dear Presiding Bishop,

*I have been wondering what is the actual difference in a woman preacher and a man preacher other than the sex. Please realize I do like it the way we have it but, I have trouble defending why we have it the way it is.*

Signed,  
 Sister Ray -Michigan

Dear Sister Ray:

Let me begin answering your question by asking one. Since you mentioned "Woman preacher and man preacher." What is the difference between a woman father and a man father? They both are parents, but God gave each their distinct title. Jesus commissioned only men to preach the Gospel. Paul did say "help those women who labor with me in the Gospel." The stewardess labors with the pilot of a plane, so does the navigator but they are not pilots. I think our big mistake is defining preaching by voice and tune.

Bailey's labor. We cannot forget her, she has made many friends among the people. God established and placed her in their hearts and she remains in the hearts of all of us today and always.

From the early beginning, Mother Bailey worked and served faithfully in New Jersey, with Bishop Mason in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, and in 1943, after the death of the late Mother Lula Cox, she was appointed by Mother L. B. Coffey as Supervisor of the state of New Jersey. She served as Supervisor for 32 years until her homegoing, but we are grateful that God gave her to us. Her manner and spirit cannot be duplicated, but thank God we were able to know her and love her. In 1960, Mother Bailey organized our New Jersey State Women's Convention. This year, New Jersey celebrated its 16th. During the Women's Convention, women both young and old have worked hand and hand and developed together in God's work. New Jersey is still

blooming like a rose. New Jersey loved her and honored her with two testimonials. Mother Bailey has served under five Bishops in New Jersey; her last Bishop was Bishop Esau Courtney.

Included in her work is the Lula Cox home, which she continued to maintain in New Jersey, and was founded by the late Mother Cox. Mother Bailey had nine District Missionaries who worked close by her side. She has twenty State Auxiliaries in operation in the Women's Department.

The state of New Jersey, which she has labored with and served so well for so long, has grown by leaps and bounds, giving others the opportunity to serve also. We salute Mother Bailey for her diligent, untiring, faithful, wholehearted and conscientious work in the service of our God; for our church, for our state and for her fellow men and women. We know she has many stars in her crown. New Jersey will always love her and never forget her!!!

## Have You Received The Holy Ghost Since You Believed?

In these last days, God is calling His elect and has sealed them with the Holy Ghost of promise with power, evidenced by an outward manifestation of an utterance to God in other tongues, uncorrupted by human knowledge, but revealed by faith which the world cannot know. Jesus Christ, himself, has spoken through us the mysteries of God which cannot be understood apart from faith. In Jesus we rest from the labors of sin and have received through Him power to escape the carnal mind of worldliness so that we may love God and our neighbors. As it is written, "Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people to whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." Isaiah 28:9-12.

Every word of God will stand and by every word of God must man live in faith to life everlasting. Yet many will not come to God in faith in Jesus Christ, but rather try to find an intellectual approach, depriving Jesus of His rightful place as Lord and robbing the cross of its power. The scriptures speak and say: "For them will I speak to the people a pure language, that they may call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent." And it is written: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and

by  
Seyrus Cartwright

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...And upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit...And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." Acts 2:17-18.

But many call upon the Lord not by faith, rather in an intellectual search. They, in applying the tests of reasoning and that of modern scientific insights to the word of God, have not met the primary requirement of God which is faith. They, in an attempt to broaden the meaning and limit the scope of the word of God to rational perspectives based on the scientific investigations of the world, have fallen from grace. In their endeavor to understand the mystery of God hidden for ages, which is Christ in you the hope of glory, they attempt to ascend into the heavens and to understand the universe. That is, to understand its origins, its order, its composition-to bring Christ down from above. They dig deep into past civilizations and the roots of man's existence through anthropological and archeological discoveries to find the ultimate meaning of existence and man's being. That is, they attempt to bring Christ up from the earth. Knowing of the historical Christ Jesus, but not the Christ of faith although they suppose that they know Him by faith. They take his words and bend them and stretch them until they conform to their own logic, modern sociological and psychological

trends of thought, and scientific verifications. This they call Christ and call all to follow "him". They become modern-day false prophets calling themselves theologians although they make Christ a type of cultural sociology shaped by logical doctrinal expositions and rituals.

If it were possible, they would deceive the very Elect. But the wicked fruits of permissiveness and conformity to worldly appetites label them as wolves in sheep clothing. We must strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many will seek to enter but will not be able to enter. They describe the coming of Jesus with power through the Pentecostal outpour as "demonic, emotionalistic, antiquated, or a psychic experience in terms of modern-day psychology.

But the promise of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost manifested by a prophetic utterance and power is the seal and guarantee of our inheritance. It is the coming of the rule of Christ with power within us and through us. It is the kingdom of heaven within us until our bodies are redeemed from the grave to possess it in the new Jerusalem. It is through this promise that Christ quickens us to life. Every member is brought in subjection to his will wherewith we do mortify the deeds of the flesh being led by the Spirit. The promise of this Pentecostal experience is the culmination of all the teachings and promises of Jesus.

He teaches all things which are Christ-all wisdoms, all miraculous gifts, the love of God, the joy of serving God,

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## BISHOP H. J. WILLIAMS AND WIFE CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

The Congregations of Greater Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, Detroit, Michigan, and Greater Williams Temple Church of God in Christ, Saginaw, Michigan are engaged in celebration activities commemorating the Silver Anniversary of our pastor, the newly appointed Bishop Herbert J. Williams and his wife, Sister Iola Williams. In addition to the couple's twenty-five years of service to our Churches, they were joined in holy matrimony twenty-five years ago. As part of our Silver Anniversary celebration, Bishop and Sister Williams renewed their vows at which their son, Minister Reginald L. Williams officiated on, at Greater Williams Temple.

Our anniversary committee exerted special efforts in planning each activity to the last detail. However, to our astonishment, God interceded our plans and on August 9, by the Commission of Bishop J.O. Patterson, our Pastor was elevated to the position of Bishopric of the North Central Jurisdiction of Michigan. We are all rejoicing that God counted our leader worthy enough to bestow such an honor upon us.

Bishop Herbert J. Williams is best described as a man who has

reached far and near, enriching the lives of those he touches. His devotion and loyalty to Christ, his untiring and self-sacrificing services have been an example to those who know Him. He is indeed an inspiration to our Christian World.

In 1948 Bishop Williams became an ordained Elder of the Church of God in Christ and was appointed Assistant Pastor to his father, the late Elder Joseph Williams who was pastoring Alger Street Church of God in

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## the whole world



By Bishop R. L. Fidler

As I write the column this month, I sit at a typewriter in the city of Odumasi, Ghana, West Africa, on the second stop of a nine, nation tour of a mission work. The purpose of this writing is to give, in some detail, a report of the 45th Convocation of the Church of God in Christ in Liberia, meeting December 8-14, 1975.

The Liberian Convocation this year was held at Monalu Mission, in the rural bush area, far south of the capital city of Monrovia. It is no wonder that Missionary Francina Wiggins, the founder of this station was on the same plane from New York to Monrovia. We talked all night long in anticipation of the great event---the first of the convocations in Liberia to be held at Monalu. There was much business in Monrovia the next morning after arrival. Sister Wiggins caught the plane to Cape Palmas and there was met with a royal reception after which she was carried to the convocation, and the place of her pioneer

labors. I remained with General Superintendent Alfred G. Reeves, and made a quick visit to the work and school at Kakata City. Then we made ready to leave for Cape Palmas and the Convocation the next day.

At our arrival in Cape Palmas, we were rushed to Pleebo and to the funeral of the Assistant Supervisor of Women, Sister Ethel Nyemah, who had passed away on the first night of the convocation. This was just one of happenings which sought to rob the blessings of the meeting. Already, the car of Supt. Reeves had met with an accident on the long dirt road coming from Monrovia to the southern areas of the country. The car had turned over twice and Sister Cassell, wife of Supt. David E.M. Cassell received a shoulder injury.

To say a word about the funeral of Sister Nyemah---perhaps two thousand folk were present at services held in Methodist

Church, which held a mixture of native joyous shouts and bitter wailings. The saints, singing, dancing and waving palm branches, afterwards made their way down the road with the casket, perhaps two miles, to the burial plot at the Church of God in Christ. The woman had been renowned throughout the community for her good works, prayers, and powerful Christian witness.

The mission station at Monalu was without lights that night---a matter that could not be helped, for the pastor, Supt. Abraham W. Brown had been transporting hundreds of persons up and down the road from Monalu to Pleebo for the funeral in the red pick-up donated by Eastern New York to the Monalu mission. But, the service, in the dark, with only one lantern at the pulpit, rose to high pitch that night, and the Lord moved mightily.

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happening religiously. Secondly, to point out that Christianity while in its embryonic stage borrowed words, ideas, and concepts from other religions, and after attaching new meanings to them, made them a part of Christianity.

The world into which Christianity was born was actively engaged in the quest of salvation, inner peace, happiness, and there was much concern for telos, or the ultimate aim of human existence. The fact that this is historically true simply means that for many peoples of that day, Jesus was just another historical person who was appearing on the religious scene proclaiming to do what many others had and were proclaiming to do also. Therefore, it was necessary for this Jesus to do something that was unique and very different from what others had done. At this point those unique and different aspects of his whole life cannot be dealt with; for we must set in perspective those historical and religious phenomena which were in the same arena of activities as was the Christian movement.

When Christianity entered history it found already in existence the mystery religions. The mystery religions were, in a sense, monotheistic (the belief in one god), but not in the sense of Old Testament understanding of monotheism. For in the mystery religions the person may be initiated into more than one mystery. If a person was initiated into a mystery he participated in the mystery god personally by being absorbed in him, the god. This was done in many instances by baptism; for at baptism they felt that the baptized person became spirit, and thus on the level with the god. One only needs to read Romans 6 to see how these concepts are utilized by Paul to describe such relationship with respect to Jesus. It is obvious that Paul, who wrote the first

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BISHOP H.J. WILLIAMS

# Church News

## THIS IS AN INDISPUTABLE MIRACLE OF GOD

The Miracle Cross yet seen day and night by parishioners at The Miracle Revival Fellowship Church of God in Christ 946 Alberni Ave., East Palo Alto, California 94303 Come and see God's wonders for yourself.

The saints of Miracle Revival Fellowship C.O.G.I.C. were blessed of the Lord on July 10, 1973 to have the discovery of a miraculous phenomenon by a four year old girl of the congregation.

We were deeply touched to read about the miracle in the San Diego, California Greater Israelite C.O.G.I.C.

We are writing to let our brothers and sisters in Christ know, God is not just placing these crosses in the windows of the churches for people to be amazed. God wants us to be amazed, shocked and most of all called to our attention that he is coming soon.

The Bible states: Luke 21: 25-26; Hebrew 2:4; Acts 2:19 and St. John 4:48.

God is ever merciful, longsuffering, generous and kind. Merciful enough to place the signs here to get our attention. Longsuffering enough to die on the cross for our sins. Generous enough to give us a chance to live holy. Then kind enough to let us make up our own minds in choosing whom we will serve. God has done many things for us where of we are glad.

We know that the replica of the cross came to awaken us that Jesus is coming soon. God wants us to let our lights shine just as he is letting these crosses shine. God wants to save the sinners, refresh the saints and get his people ready. It is not his will

that any should be lost. Jesus is on his way back, but he's coming after a ready people. He is trying to get the attention of the people. Everyday of our lives somebody is leaving this world to meet their maker. How can any of us say we will be here tomorrow? Tomorrow is not promised. The day ye hear my voice harden not your heart.

If we the people of God would turn our plates down, pray and get on fire for God. God through us could burn up the sin all around us.

We don't want to worship the crosses but we don't want to forget the reason for Jesus dying on the cross, the shedding of his blood, the pain and suffering he bore. All of these things just that we might live and learn of God in the pardon of our sins.

We are happy to be able to report today in July - 1975 the replica of the crosses are yet in our humble Sanctuary where we have dedicated our lives to the worship and praise of our God.

People are yet coming during the day looking from the outside of the church windows seeing the crosses that seem to be hanging down the walls inside. Then at night looking from the inside seeing the crosses looking as though they are hanging out in mid-air on the outside of the church.

We know that surely this is a Miracle of God.

We forever desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that we will forever let the Miracle Revival Fellowship C.O.G.I.C., Elder H. L. Wilson pastor at 946 Alberni Avenue, East Palo Alto, California 94303, be a soul saving station for God.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. B. J. Wilson-Editor-in-Chief  
Mrs. A. Harrison-Assistant Editor  
Miss Darlene Hunter-Typist

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### WHERE SMALL CHURCHES GROW

Among other small Churches of God in Christ, in the suburban region of Pascagoula, Mississippi stands in the ordinances and statutes of God, The Three Rivers Church of God in Christ.

Sandwiched between two other community churches, The Three Rivers COGIC with it's faithful laborers "make room for itself".

The pastor, Eld. Frank Freeman, born and reared in Three Rivers is therefore a "community pastor" as well as a God fearing shepherd of his own flock.

The large country oaks and spacious playground extends a hearty welcome from the church to many passers-by.

The floating clouds, giving a peak now and then of blue skys with it's "back home" atmosphere beckons you to

serenity and contentment of the soul. It's fervent prayer meetings and invisioned revival services, though most times few displays the Glory of God's Kingdom as He fills every pew. Though a small body, it's fitly joined together with the appropriate officers called to the work and dedication of Christ. And as He gave some evangelist, He gave Three Rivers COGIC Evang/Missionary Lirrel Wodies. Missionary Wodies was Three Rivers' first convert. Could anything good come out of a small town so unpopular and unknown? It did!

The year 1947 found Missionary Wodies, then just plain little "Toy" ignorant and unlearned, stricken with a dreaded disease. Friends scattered, decreased and diminished. Doctors extended their most competent medical service and man in his scientific extremity declared she could not live. She was distinctly told she would die.

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall



BRO. WALTER PONDER  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
"THE THUNDERBOLT"

One of the most moving and powerful singers in the Gospel field today is Brother Walter Ponder who is known as "THE THUNDERBOLT OF THE SOUTH." Standing 6'6" in height, Bro. Ponder has thrilled many hearts wherever he has appeared with his dynamic voice.

Since moving to Jacksonville, Florida from Detroit, Michigan where he was a member of Bishop W. A. Patterson's Church, Bro. Ponder has been very much in demand for concerts and television appearances. Bro. Ponder is now a member of the Faust Temple Church of God in Christ where Elder W. F. Faust is Pastor.

Recently, Bro. Ponder organized his own gospel singing group, THE PONDER SINGERS. Bro. Ponder and the Ponder Singers have a new record on the market. The name of the record is:

"I Can See Clearly Now" & "He Satisfies Me"

Bro. Ponder is a saved young man who is 33 years old, married and has one child, a daughter who is 11 years old.

raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him". James 5:15.

When some of God's people from pentecost heard about the "terminal" illness they offered up the prayer of faith. After the prayer of faith was prayed the Lord instantly wrought a double miracle just like He said He would. He healed and saved this soul.

This faith healing was the beginning of a new discovery, a new people a new hope and today Missionary Wodies lives! The healing was noised abroad. Out of town saints gathered, house to house prayer meetings were now in session, new souls came boldly to the throne of Christ, new zion songs were learned, guitars amplified and hands clapped for joy. "Thank you Jesus" and "Glory, hallelujah" replaced discouraged and disgruntled hearts. Oak trees became tabernacles and sandy yards shouting floors. Finally tarrying services brought joy like a river and like a mighty rushing welcomed wind the Holy Ghost introduced Himself!

We are very proud of the accomplishments of this great young man who has dedicated his life to God. It is for this reason that we are telling you about him. Let us support him by purchasing a copy of his latest record. Simply write P. O. Box 17448 - Jacksonville, Florida 32216 and include \$1.25 for each copy of the record.

WHEATLEY CHURCH OF  
GOD IN CHRIST 3118  
METROPOLITAN AVE.  
BISHOP J. NEAUL  
HAYNES PASTOR.

Holy Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere.

In all thy ways acknowledge the Lord and he will direct thy path, we thank the Lord for our Pastor, who have a vision for the church to continuing to go to higher heights and deeper depths. Our pastor is a young man, with a vision for the church both naturally and spiritually and he is a spirit filled Pastor filled with inspiration. And we thank God for our good members, and our young people work faithful in the church, when the Pastor call on them they will obey to the Pastor's call.

Truly the Lord is blessing our church, we were blessed in a great Revival conducted by Evangelist S. E. Mitchell, souls were saved and the sick healed every night.

The spirit of Revival is yet in the church. Recently we were blessed to have with us Evangelist Missionary Shaw from Memphis, Tennessee and she is a spirit filled Missionary and teach the word of God and pray for the sick, our souls were blessed. We thank the Lord for our Pastor's wife.

Beside every good man you will find a good woman. Sister Haynes is a faithful worker in the church, always willing to do what ever her hands find to do to the glory of God.

Submitted by,

Sister C. H. Stevens

## TESTIMONY

### HENDERSON, TEXAS

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord from the Wayside Church of God in Christ, located 407 Monroe St. Henderson, Texas; Elder A. Castleberry, Pastor.

June 3, 1975 Missionary Mattie Willis of 1006 E. 24th Street Los Angeles, California was in Henderson, Texas for a short visit with her relatives, and the Lord moved upon her heart to conduct a few nights of services at Wayside Church of God in Christ. The services were carried on with fasting, praying and prophesy.

Missionary Willis predicted that God was going to work a miracle doing that meeting, and indeed He did; Friday morning June 6th, the Lord performed an operation on Sis. Evelyn G. Hamilton and moved a tumor from her uterus; when the tumor passed, she put it in a jar of

## PASTOR'S APPRECIATION



ELDER CALVIN D. KINSEY

The observance of the 14th Appreciation for Elder Calvin D. Kinsey, who is the pastor of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, located at 1860 West Fifth Street, Jacksonville, Florida was held August 11-17, 1975.

Each night we were blessed to have many churches of the city to fellowship with us. We also had Elder Detroit R. Williams, the Minister of Music of Central Florida and his congregation from Gainesville, Florida to share in these services on Monday night. Rev. Wynn, pastor of Abyssinia Baptist Church brought the message on Monday night. His theme was "Christ The Hope of The World" (Hebrews 13:8). On Tuesday night, Rev. George Price, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church brought the message, using the theme, "God's Peculiar Employment Practices" (St. Matt. 20:1). Wednesday night, Rev. Randy Hezekiah, pastor of New Mt. Tabor Baptist Church spoke from the theme "The Midnight Interview" (St. John 3:1-6) Bishop Jessie Williams, pastor of Southside Church of God in Christ and Bishop of Central Florida brought the message from St. Mark 2:1-11. His theme was, "Workers, Blockers, and Knockers". Friday night the message was brought by Bishop Thomas Brown, pastor of Church of Christ Written in Heaven. His theme was "The New Man" (II Cor. 5:17).

Each night God blessed the services and many hearts rejoiced as God's Word was imported to us, but, on Saturday night, August 16th which was Youth Night, it seemed as if God just opened Heaven Windows and poured out His Spirit in a mighty special way.

The services were concluded on Sunday, August 17th, with Elder Willie Frank Robinson bringing the message from I Timothy 2:5-8 and II Timothy 1:9-11. His theme was "An Ordained Preacher".

This 14th Appreciation is one that will long be remembered because of the hearts that were blessed and the success which was accomplished through God.

alcohol and took it to church and testified and showed what the Lord had done for her through this woman of God.

The meeting was extended as others were healed and revived. We thank God for the out pouring of His Spirit.

## PICTORIAL OF FUNERAL FOR MOTHER BAILEY



PRESIDING BISHOP BRINGING EULOGY



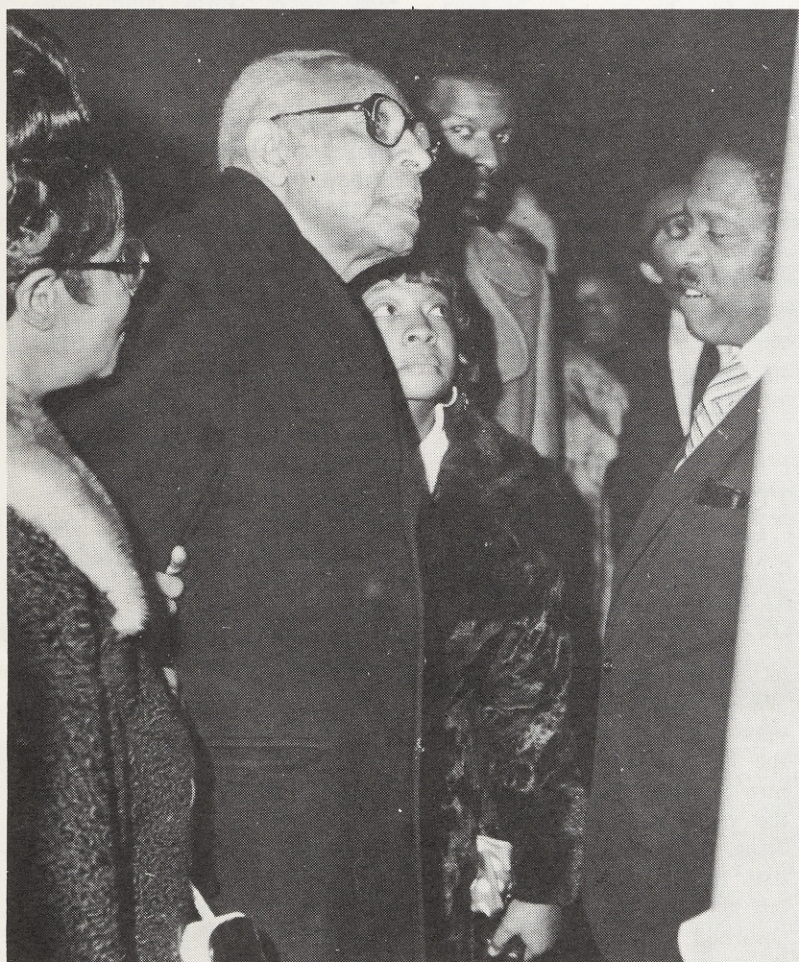
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MOTHER BAILEY REMAINS CARRIED INTO WOODLAWN MAUSALEUM



SOME OF THE CHURCH LEADERS WHO OBSERVED AS SHE WAS BEING ENTOMBED



BISHOP BAILEY SAYS FINAL FAREWELL TO HIS BELOVED WIFE

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She was appointed State Supervisor of the state of Maryland in 1927 and in 1928 Delaware and Washington, D. C. were added. In 1929 she had to leave her work owing to the illness of our late Senior Bishop C. H. Mason, and traveled the entire year until May of 1930, when she returned to her field of labor.

She also served as the First Financial Secretary of the state of New Jersey. This office she held until the death of the late L. M. Cox, whom she succeeded. She was also the first National Women's Financial Secretary, appointed by the late Mother Lizzie Robinson.

In 1964 she was appointed International Supervisor of Women of the Church of God in Christ Inc., which she served faithfully until her departure.

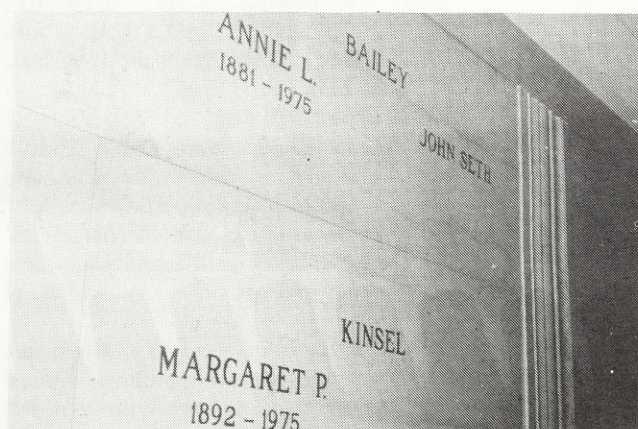
In February, 1934, she was united in holy matrimony to Elder John Seth Bailey.

She was the mother of one daughter who preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her a devoted husband, 5 sisters, 4 grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.



MOTHER BAILEY WAS ENTOMBED IN A SARCOPHAGUS ZINC DEPOSIT DUAL SEALER



PICTURE OF THE PLACE WHERE MOTHER WAS ENTOMBED

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**THE LIFE STORY**  
 of  
**ANNE L. BAILEY**  
**IN POETIC FORM**

*There were no alcoholics, addicts or the like in my family to reflect Sunday worship, Sunday school and BYPU, We had to go whether many or few An everlasting "thanks" to mom and dad, For the start of a life that is not sad.*

*My father was a Baptist minister of God He preached the gospel from his heart My mother a Christian and socialite, Who detested wrong and favored right. It was the personalities of these two, That guided my life through Tact was their key for me Sympathy when needed to no small degree Love was the spice you see Tempered with correction, I felt free.*

*I was 17 or 18 before permitted to date For fear my youth would lead me to fate Skating was my first physical activity you see Every chance I could get was my plea A youngster from every since of the term With guidance and directive and through hardships I learned The path of my predecessors and their advocate, Would one day make my life's future a mandate The true charm of womanhood to attract and entice, Was a gift of God supported by advice.*

*In the year 1919 I was united in matrimony. To this union one child - Clara my honey Still young and full of vim and vitality My husband and I enjoyed the world of sophistication, No understanding the great anticipation That one day I would come to the crossroad of life, To reign with Him forever, or pay sin's price. So on my way with laughter and fun, To new horizons of the setting sun.*

*My daughter Clara was six years of age When I decided to turn life's page Before going to the movie one night, I entered a holiness revival with little insight My sole purpose was to make fun, Only to discover the work the Lord had done. There was an old woman who was bed ridden for five years, The miracle was so fascinating until it brought tears She stood and heralded, 'This is Old Betsy Ann - don't you see "Look what God has done for me".'*

*I would not believe what my eyes beheld, For my soul was touched and my pride fell. It was the joy of my heart to know, That my torch had been lighted with a glow The Spirit of the Living God fell afresh on me My sins forgiven, conscience cleared and I was made free I was setting in church and suddenly one hand began shaking, The power of the Holy Ghost was in the making.*

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**THOUSANDS PASS OVER BIER OF MOTHER BAILEY**

Bishop D.A. Burton, general secretary of the general board of directors, and Mrs. Ella Lois Harris, national president of Junior Missionaries, special condolences; Mrs. Pearl R. McCullom, acknowledgements; Mrs. Carrie Cantrell, obituary; Mrs. Emily Braham and Mrs. Ernestine Washington, soloists, and Mrs. Mattie Moss Clark, choir director.

Among the other bishops participating were: Easu C. Courtney, of New Jersey; I. Doswell, Maryland; P.A. Brooks, Michigan; Chandler Owens, New Jersey; Levi Willis, Virginia, and L.H. Ford, Chicago.

Among out-of-town bishops attending were: Samuel Green, Virginia; R.E. Woodard, Tanner Perry, R.E. Ranger, W.G. Grady,

T. D. Iglehart, and William Hayes, Texas; F. E. Perry and William James, Ohio; J. J. Caldwell, Maryland; Nathaniel Jones, S. R. Martin, Raydell Stewart, J. A. Blake, John White, W. L. Porter and German Ross, California; A. T. Harrison

and C. L. Morton, Canada and A. E. Reed, Montana.

Also, Harold Bell, South Carolina; O.T. Jones, Pennsylvania; F.D. Green, Illinois; L.T. Walker, Arkansas; F.J. Henderson, Wisconsin; F.D. Washington, New York; Jacob Cohen, Florida; J. D. Husband, Georgia; Joe Sherman, North Carolina; E.S. Coatley, New Jersey; C.H. Brewer, Connecticut, and B.E.H. Moore and Rev. Thomas L. Pleas, Kansas.

Pallbearers were Elders Harold Johnson, James McCarty and Philip Jackson, Ministers John Sheard and Joe Merriweathers. Honorary pallbearers were state supervisors.

Interment was at Woodlawn cemetery. Handling funeral arrangements were McFall Brothers directors.

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**HAVE YOU RECEIVED**  
**THE HOLY GHOST SINCE**  
**YOU BELIEVED?**

righteousness, peace, and keeps them in our remembrance. It is the witness of the resurrected Lord in us. The Lord of our faith becomes real to us in the glory of God. All spiritual armor used by Jesus is now available to us by Jesus Christ in us, to the glory of God. The works He did now are manifested through us by faith in His name. Let us keep Christ's commandments and draw nigh to him in love by faith so that we may be found worthy to receive the promise. Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest remains, let us fear lest any of us be judged to have failed to reach it.

What if some do not believe? Even though they profess to know God, in their own deeds they deny Him. They deny Jesus Christ, not as Lord of the universe, but as Lord of their lives. Being corrupt and unbelieving, denying the Lordship of Christ for themselves and in themselves which is by faith, having their minds and consciences corrupt insubordinate men, empty talkers, debators, and deceivers. They stand in the doorway of the kingdom, not going in themselves and stopping all who try to enter. If we deny Him the lordship of our lives, He will deny us of being His servants. He remains faithful to His promise even if we are faithless. Let us not be children not knowing the will of God, carried away with

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**YESTERDAY, TODAY**  
**& TOMORROW**  
**Part I**

(Short synopsis by Presiding Bishop on the Past Present and future direction of the Church of God in Christ).

had gotten me straight on my feet, there came a light which enveloped my entire being above the brightness of the sun. When I opened my mouth to say glory, a flame touched my tongue which ran down in me. My language changed and no word could I speak in my own tongue. Oh, I was filled with the glory of the Lord. My soul was then satisfied. I rejoiced in Jesus my Saviour, whom I love so dearly. And from that day until now, there has been an overflowing joy of the glory of the Lord in my heart."

Can any deny that our beloved founder was blessed? Can any deny his teachings? Can any man state that the dogma and doctrines from the growth of the Church, established by Bishop Mason, are other than the true vision of a God-gifted leader?

In August of 1907, Elders C. H. Mason and D. J. Young called a meeting of all the ministers that believed in the Holy Ghost, speaking in new tongues, to meet in Memphis, Tennessee to organize a General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ. At this meeting, Elder C. H. Mason was elected Chief Overseer and Elder D. J. Young was elected editor of the Whole Truth Paper.

carnal lusts. Let us not provoke God as the Israelites did in the wilderness causing themselves to not enter into His rest. Just ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door

shall be opened unto you. How much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost unto them that ask?

This now raises the pertinent question: Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? In addressing it, there is the possibility of believing in Jesus Christ and confessing Him as your Lord and Saviour, but not receiving the Holy Ghost. Acts 19:1-6 sets forth the notion that the Holy Ghost is not imparted in the process of accepting Jesus, nor in water baptism, but as a

**"THE WHOLE WORLD -**  
**BISHOP R.L. FIDLER -**  
**deadline - December 26,**  
**1975**

The singing and praying of native Grebo saints rose to meet the breaking day each morning at 5 a.m. As soon as the roosters began to crow, the praises of God began to rise in increasing volume from all over the campus. It was enough to make any child of God want to rise from his slumber and hasten to the house of prayer.

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**N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C.**

We the Saints of the New Bethel Church of God in Christ, 6440 Piney Branch Road, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20011 are most grateful to God for His many blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

The Lord is so wonderfully blessing our Pastor in his ministry, and we thank God for His Spiritual vision He has to lead His people. Through His "Outreach Crusade" the Lord has so greatly blessed many, souls have been saved and added to the church. Presently, the crusade is being heard in Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland and Virginia. We are praying that the Lord will bless Him to be heard in all 50 states and foreign countries.

For those persons who are seeking spiritual guidance, the Lord has blessed our Pastor to

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**TOPIC: FACTS TO**  
**CONSIDER WHEN**  
**ENGAGED IN THE**  
**STUDY AND TEACHING**  
**OF THE BIBLE**

letter of the New Testament, (I Thess. A. D. 50), is drawing upon the existing concepts of the mystery religions to show how the Christian participates in the death and resurrection of Jesus. But Paul never would say that in this participation man lost his human qualities and was absorbed in God to the point that man became God. For Paul, God was always God and man was always man, and that a true Christian was a Spirit-ruled man, or person.

distinct and separate act. This question is raised if one has no knowledge of whose disciples Paul met in Acts 19. Apparently, he assumed them to be the disciples of Jesus Christ; but only after asking the question did he find out that they were John's disciples. This presupposes that one could be a disciple of Jesus, a baptized believer, and not have received the Holy Ghost. After making them disciples of Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost imparted to the already baptized believers only when Paul layed his hands upon them. It was a separate act. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues and prophesied accordingly, fulfilling the promise.

Now the question yet remains, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

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**BISHOP H.J. WILLIAMS**  
**AND WIFE CELEBRATE**  
**SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

Christ in Detroit, Michigan and Saints Home Church of God in Christ in Saginaw, Michigan.

The year 1950 brought both joy and sorrow to the Williams' family. On June 17, Bishop Williams married Sister Iola Bruce. In November, his father lost his life while attempting to save the life of a child. Thus, on November 27, 1950, Bishop Herbert J. Williams assumed the tremendous responsibility of his father. He began to pastor Alger Street Church which later became Greater Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, and the pastor of Saints Home Church which later changed to Greater Williams Temple in honor of the late Elder Joseph Williams.

For more than twenty years, Bishop Herbert Williams with his wife and five children exhibited boundless energy and unlimited faith as they drove 100 miles, the distance between Saginaw and Detroit, almost daily regardless of weather conditions, preaching and teaching God's word at both churches.

In addition to the numerous awards and offices held by our Bishop, which would be too detailed to mention, he is the recipient of the Man of the Year of the National Religious Workers Guild of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Williams has put spiritual things first in his life. For the twenty-five years that he has pastored our Churches, he has brought sunshine and hope to those whose paths he has crossed. To his congregations, he is truly an inspiration. He has shared our sorrows, joys, disappointments, and achievements. He has taught us, reproved us, corrected us, and instructed us in all things pertaining to our righteousness by word and example.

These are only a few reasons that Greater Emmanuel and Greater Williams Temple are saluting our Pastor, Bishop Williams. To us, he is God's knight in spiritual armor.

The Public Relations Committee for the Silver Anniversary

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have counselling sessions which are held twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday. Many depressed and disgruntled persons are finding answers to their unsolved problems through these counselling sessions.

We were blessed to have Bishop Patterson attend our Sunday services, Sunday, September 21, 1975 at 8:30 P. M. Broadcast. Bishop Patterson congratulated our pastor Elder Sherman Howard during the broadcast for the beautiful edifice and what a wonderful job He is doing for the brotherhood.

Bishop Patterson took his text from Genesis 21-17 titled "what Aileth Thee, Hagar? He spoke under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Bishop Patterson was in the nation's capital to speak for Howard University religious service Sunday September 21, 1975, at 11:00 a. m. He made such an impression on the congregation at Howard Sunday morning, until Sunday night our church was packed with Howard Students and many of New Bethel's wishers and friends.

Among our other guest to hear Bishop Patterson was some officials of the city such as: Mr. York Van Nixon, Boxing Commissioner, Judge Harry Alexander, Mr. Evans E. Crawford, Dean of Howard University Chapel, Rev. Stephen Short, Pentecostal, coordinated campus ministries, and a letter of writing from the Mayor of the city, Mayor Walter Washington.

We have been blessed to have many of our church dignitaries, prominent leaders and evangelists to attend our worship services this year. Namely, Bishop F. D. Washington, Bishop Moore, Bishop C. F. Range, Bishop T. D. Iglehart, Bishop J. Cohen, Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., and Bishop C. Brewer, Jr., Evangelist S. E. Mitchell, Evangelist M. Gardner, Evangelist Dewitt Hill, Evangelist Richard White, Pastor Walter Battle, Madam Brim, Miss. Elsie Shaw, Sis. Mattie Moss Clark, and Sis. Goldie Haynes.

Pray that the Lord will continue to let His mercy cover His people everywhere.

When you are in the nations' capital we invite you to visit us during our services.

Elder Sherman Howard, Pastor

#### IDABEL, OKLAHOMA

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

September 3rd began the Hugo District Meeting; Supt. Tony Boyce, host Pastor, and District Superintendent of Idabel, Oklahoma, Northwest of Oklahoma. Bishop A. L. Hearne, State Bishop. Mother J. V. Hearne, State Supervisor and Mrs. Louise Patton, District Missionary.

Missionary D. S. Washington, Reporter

#### SOUL WINNING CAMPAIGN

The True Hope Church is launching one of the greatest Soul Winning Campaigns in the history of San Francisco, we are claiming the city for Jesus.

Soul winning is what being a christian is all about, for Jesus was a soul winner. He said in St. Luke 19:10. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The main-spring of this campaign is the Witnessing Committee, which was instituted about four years ago by the Pastor, Dr. Arelious Walker. Recently this committee conducted a very comprehensive test given to all of its members, which number about fifty. When asked what was the purpose of this test, the President of the committee Missionary Betty Herron replied, "To encourage and motivate the saints to study the Word of God."

Missionary Herron further stated, "The purpose was accomplished because through the test the saints have been motivated and they are studying the Word, which means they will be better soul winners. I feel that the Saints who belong to the Witnessing Committee of True Hope are more qualified to win souls as a result of these classes than some Bishops, Elders, Pastors, and Missionaries. All students who passed the test will receive a certificate during graduation services conducted Saturday September 6, 7:30 p. m. at True Hope."

The Witnessing Committee

#### FAITH TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 596 HOMEWORTH AVE. PAINESVILLE, OHIO

Subject: "Out-reach Crusade was Dynamic impact on Painesville."

The city of Painesville, Ohio will never be the same, not after a recent out-reach crusade that amazed by the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost left many spellbound. Hundreds of people flooded the crusade area some seeking an experience with God, others investigating the services. Different ministers from various cities and states, preached the Word of God with such impact and dramatization that many ran to the altar confessing their sin and excepting Christ as their Savior.

In the grass, on tops of cars strolling along the streets, young people, old people, people from all walks of life, and with problems and hang ups of every kind listened attentively to the word of God and began to experience the manifestation of the Holy Ghost. The Rev. Dr. R. Barclay Jr. and the Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Family, led the way for this magnificent crusade through fasting and prayer and complete dedication to the service of God. The sincerity in the hearts of every believer has left a beautiful impact through out the entire city. Christ has come into the hearts of many.

meets every Wednesday at True Hope, located at 988 Gilman Avenue, starting time is 8:00 p. m. The committee consist of three classes known as the Beginners Class, which learn the five facts of witnessing-The Advance Class and Special Class which are trained to deal with alcoholics, drug addicts and Points of Doctrine.

Jesus Christ himself has compelled all of his followers to go and witness to the world he said in Acts 1:8, "...And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." As all Christians know witnessing is the ability to tell people about Jesus Christ.

The Witnessing Committee endeavor is to maintain the word of God that is to say, to claim it to be true, to uphold and defend God's word against attack, to carry on or continue in Jesus name, and to take the Word of God to all nations through witnessing. Also, more than ever before, to lift up the name of Jesus for he said in St. John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

This committee has about 15 post covering the city which consist of 2 members at each post at least twice a week. Some of these post are Six and Howard Streets, Seventh and Market, LaSalle and Third, Fitzgerald and Jennings, Haight and Fillmore, Cortland and Anderson Streets and Tops Department Store.

#### MOTHER F. M. BECKS

Mother F. M. Becks, state supervisor of the women's work in North Mississippi was the house guest of Elder and Sister B. T. Harris of Memphis, Tennessee during the month of August. Mother Becks is one of the few state supervisors yet living who was appointed by the first national supervisor of the women's department of the Church of God in Christ, Mother Lizzie Robinson.

Elder Harris is the state superintendent of Sunday Schools of the first jurisdiction of Tennessee and Sister Harris serves as district missionary and executive chairman of the women's board of North Mississippi. They counted it a blessing to have Mother Becks in their home. Remembering God's word to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless you." Mother Becks has been a loyal and faithful worker in the church for over fifty years. She yet works with her hands, crocheting, knitting and serving, making garments and articles to sell to support missions and other charitable works. She is alert, with a calm, quiet spirit.

While in the city she was visited by state supervisor of women's work of Tennessee First Jurisdiction, Mrs. A. B. Patton. It was also the privilege and pleasure of Sister E. W. Mason, widow of the founder of the church to visit with Mother Becks. We hope for Mother Becks many more visits to Memphis and a long blessed life.

For more information on how to become an effective soul winner for Christ come to True Hope Church on Wednesday nights or call 822-5626.

Bro. James Baggett, Reporter

#### SOMETHING I ENJOYED

I enjoyed hearing the wonderful sermon preached by our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson at the Convocation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His message was beautiful, timely and to the point, it was the message we needed to hear, urging us to put away childishness and grow to maturity in righteousness. Bishop Patterson taught us with authority yet, his voice sounded in love and humidity. That was my first time hearing our Bishop preach, and I want the world to know: to me it was joy and a wonderful pleasure to my soul. I pray for God's grace and peace with great strength to be his all the days of his life, his family included.

Another thing I enjoyed, our beautiful state choir. They brought joy to my heart and they sang praises unto God. Thank God for Bishop Burton, who worked so long and hard to organize the youth band. These young people were a shining pleasant addition to our Convocation this year. May God bless them to grow in grace and knowledge.

Now there are many other things I enjoyed during the convocation, but time will not permit. May God bless all our leading Officials and every saint of the Church of God in Christ.

A Careless word may kindle strife  
A cruel word may wreck a life  
A bitter word may hate instill  
A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way  
A joyous word may light the way  
A timely word may lessen stress  
A loving word may heal and bless.

May God bless the General Church from coast to coast with power, unity and abundant love.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mother E. M. Beverly  
2119 Carpenter St.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19146

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere from the Greater Northwest Church of God in Christ 15811-12th St. Detroit, Michigan

Our Pastor's wife, Sis. Mary E. Moore has been named one of the "Outstanding church women of the year" Sister Moore received this honor from one of our leading newspaper the Michigan Chronicle who is in

charge of the Outstanding Churchwoman of the year. Mother Moore said, she received a trophy and \$500. Mother said, she received a letter informing her that she had been nominated for this honor by the Michigan Chronicle. She was asked to send a resume of herself and other background information was also requested. Mother Moore won the 3rd place title in an eight weeks survey conducted by the Michigan Chronicle.

Mother Moore was the center of attention at an impressive coronation ceremony at Greater Northwest Church of God in Christ. She was surprised with other awards and gifts. Some of our special guests at the ceremony were Frances S. Curtis and spouse, Dorothy Dukes, Hattie Snow, Marcella Martin and spouse and many more.

Mother Moore would like to thank her Pastor and husband Elder G. D. Moore for his strong support also to Betty Jackson, Brother and Sister Cledis Wells, Bro. and Sis. Ozzie Well, Milton Davis, Barbara Jordan, Rosie Washington, Janice Edmonds, Maggie Farmer, Doris Godwin and David Milton. Her special thanks also go out to her supporters, the entire Northwest family, 4th Jurisdiction, Michigan S. W., Michigan N. E. and Michigan Great lakes and to all of the out of town Bishops, Elders, Ministers, Evangelists, Missionaries and friends. Our very special thanks go to our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson.

Please pray our strength in the Lord. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless His Holy Name."

Elder G. D. Moore, Pastor

David Milton, Reporter

The C. H. Mason Elementary School at 243 Nora Street, Pineville, Louisiana 71360, wishes to extend thanks for the leading offering of \$460.00 given by Bishop W. K. Gordon and all donations given by others to help celebrate our 30th Annual School Day.

B. Lafleur, Founder

W. C. Anderson, Reporter

#### USE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, Y.P.W.W. LITERATURE, BIBLE BAND TOPICS, AND HOME & FOREIGN MISSION TOPICS.

When you buy your own church's literature, you know that it is in line with the doctrines of the church and you give material support to our great missionary and evangelism programs.



### HISTORY OF NEW GETHSEMANE

New Gethsemane C.O.G.I.C., was established under the devine guidance of Elder Archie L. Levias at 3024 Cutting Blvd., Richmond, California.

The membership began very small-only four numbers, but the Lord began to bless and our congregation began to increase.

Our first miracle of healing came early in Elder Levias' ministry. Sharron Johnson was brought to the church in a very distressful situation--unable to swallow, with a visible raised area in her throat. Elder Levias and the saints prayed very sincerely and diligently for Sharron's healing, at first seemingly, to no avail. Some of the members seemed to have gotten discouraged, but Elder Levias, stated: Lets hold on! Finally victory came, by faith, and Sharron was able to swallow normally. Bless God's Holy Name! God may not come exactly when we want him, but he's always on time!

Sharron and her sister Joyce was so impressed by the answer of prayer, that they intreated Elder Levias to pray for their dog "Blackie" and through faith, Blackie was healed. The Faith of a child can be rewarding.

Elder Levias enjoys reminiscing, how he assisted in preparing the pie crust and filling for our "famous lemon pies", to help with the finances of the church. Pie and dinner selling was basically our source of finance in the early years.

The church floors was very cold and of broken concrete and needed very much to be repaired.. Being short of finance, the Pastor and his four members layed the tile on the floor.

The Lord awarded our struggles and sent dutiful men and women who was finacially able to help bear the expenses of the church. The inflow was so great until the church on Cutting Blvd., began to become too congestive and we were blessed in May, 1965, to establish a new church home, at 725 Ohio Avenue, Richmond, California.

Our church home on Ohio began to be known as "Knock Down Alley" Many, whom was prayed for in "Knock Down Alley", was slain under the "Power of God."

Many miracles was performed here, such as: The blind regain their sight, edema of lower and upper extremities decreased, and some was even able to leave their crutches, by the faith of God.

Along with the growth of the church, Elder Levias has grown also. He was Assistant Superintendent of Richmond District and presently is Superintendent of the Power House District, and also has acquired the title of the "Little Man" with The Big Heart"

Due to rapid growth in our present church, it will not contain our membership, so we were moving on by faith through "Our Lord Jesus Christ". July, 1975, we were blessed to obtain another beautiful edifice, in which we are now worshiping.

Our membership have expanded to approximately 175, and new souls are being added weekly.

Truly we can say, we come this far by faith! By the grace of God limitations that seem impossible are accessible. Still the half has not been told!

Respectfully, submitted  
Sis. J. Randolph

### TOLEDO, OHIO

Holy Greetings from the St. James Holiness Church of God in Christ, 801 Vance St., Toledo, Ohio, where the beloved shepherd is the Bishop William James.

IN HONOR TO YOU, BISHOP WM. JAMES. By Katherine M. Butler

The Bible states, "...To give honor to whom honor is due." Bishop James, This day, the honor is to you. Don't under estimate the servant of the Lord. For He's on a Holy Mission in all sorts of Jobs. Many are called for God's great work, they bring the word rather in a pant suit or a skirt. Yes, many are called but, few are chosen ones for God hand picked these vessels to get his great work done. The called is anointed to win many a soul. As for the chosen ones, their jobs are to watch keep over his vessels in great folds.

Today, right here in St. James, we see a man, a father, a male servant with great goals and aims. Let's try to spell them out in His name.

B-eloved leader with gospel name.

I-ssuer of the truth

S-oldier of the cross

H-oliness is his life, humble enough to look for the lost.

O-rdained of God, thru Christ Jesus, in the blood.

P-riceless believe me he is with lots of love.

W-illing worker, soul winner for the King.

I-mage of Godly a servant, obeying him in everything.

L-ove, life eternal is his goal.

L-ongsuffering for many a souls.

I-nfluential to the youth.

A-tlas of the word of God bringing the truth.

M-inute-man in a needed time.

J-ourney-man with a mind.

A-nointed in the ministry you can find.

M-an enough to stand up for Holiness.

E-xample Christian with real fullness.

S-ouls, souls, souls his deepest concern.

For this is a real Holiness leader that would rather see us saved, than to burn.

We love you and thank God for you.

This is one of the reasons for saying once you come to St. James You'll never be the same. God bless you all and keep us in your prayers and we will be faithful enough to do the same.

St. James Holiness C.O.G.I.C.  
Toledo, Ohio  
Bishop Wm. James, Pastor  
Sis. Kathy M. Butler, Reporter

### NEW LIGHT CHURCH PROJECT COMPLETED

The New Light Church of God in Christ, 3102 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, has completed a massive remodeling project which has doubled the capacity of its sanctuary.

The \$300,000 building project, which began in January, 1974, with the purchase of three lots adjacent to the church, also included the addition of a youth facility and a cafeteria to the church complex.

The church, which was founded in 1959 by Dr. B. R. Benbow, originally met at 2905 S. Main St. In 1962, the church moved to its present location.

Dr. Benbow, is the presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ in Nigeria, West Africa, and was nominated "Man of the Year" by the Southern California Jurisdiction of the Church's religious workers guild in 1971.

He holds doctor of divinity and law degrees from Trinity Hall College and Seminary in Springfield, Ill.

A recipient of a special achievement award given by the religious workers guild of the denomination, he has served as superintendent of the church's Santa Monica District and Santa Barbara Region.

From 1968 until February, 1975, Dr. Benbow pastored the New Light Church of God in Christ in Santa Barbara.

The New Light COGIC was organized in 1959, at 2905 S. Main St., Santa Monica, California. In 1962, the Congregation moved to 3102 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica. In 1971, the mortgage was burned. In 1973, \$10,000.00 worth of additional property was purchased for church expansion. In January 1974, the Church entered into the last phase of a \$300,000.00 building project. The Church sanctuary has been remodeled, including at \$10,000.00 heating and air conditioning Unit.

### CHICAGO, ILL.

### PILGRIM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 117th State St.

In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths Proverbs 3:6.

Greetings to the house hold of faith and the saints of God everywhere; the saints and pastors of the Pilgrim Church of God in Christ, we bear you greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are yet saved from sin with a mind to live for God; we are yet rejoicing in the God of our salvation. We thank God for how he keeps us with glory to God; and a thank you Jesus in our heart. Truly we magnify God. God is great and greatly to be praised, O taste and see that the Lord is Good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord ye his saints for there is no want to them that fear him, Psalm 34:8, come now and let us reason together said the Lord; though your sin be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though your sin be like crimson they shall be as wool Isaiah 1:18. The Lord is blessing us under the leadership of our pastor N. Robinson, we are endeavoring to live holy. On Feb. 2, Eld. N. Robinson

Dr. B.R. Benbow received his public school training in St. Louis, Mo. Served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Received his basic training in Great Lakes Naval Center and attended the U.S. Naval School of Navigation at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. and stationed at Pearl Harbor.

After being discharged from the Navy 11/13/45, he began his work as a National Evangelist. He settled in California in 1947.

In 1952, he pastored the Philadelphia COGIC in Los Angeles. During this time he attended LIFE Bible College. In 1955, he re-entered the Evangelist Field.

In 1966, Dr. Benbow was unanimously chosen by the people of Nigeria, West Africa as their Presiding Bishop. The number of churches has grown from seventeen to ninety-six. Over \$17,000.00 has been raised to help the people in Nigeria. Tracts have been translated, and the Bennie Roberts Benbow Commercial and Theological College is being supported.

In 1966, he was appointed Superintendent of the Santa Monica District. A short time later he was appointed Regional Superintendent of the Santa Barbara Region - So. California Jurisdiction No. 1

In 1970, he received the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Trinity Hall College and Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

In 1971, he was nominated "Man of the Year" - Southern California Jurisdiction, by the Religious Workers Guild of the COGIC. In 1972, Trinity Hall elected him as a Board and Council Member. In that same year, he received the LL.D. (Doctor of Laws) degree from Trinity Hall.

In 1974, Dr. Benbow also received a Special Achievement Award, presented by the Religious Workers Guild of the COGIC.

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preached from Job 16th chapter, theme my record is on high, on 3rd Sunday in Feb. Eld. Wallace preached from Isaiah 55:1, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters and he that have no money come ye buy and eat come buy wine and milk without price. Theme the great invitation. On Tues. night, Elder Robinson, preached Psalms 40: 7th vs, then said I, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me theme, come to Jesus, we thank God for our leader who is doing a great work for God one with great faith; one that believe all things are possible with God, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring tiding of good things Romans 10:15. We ask your prayers we are all living and working for God.

Eld Nathinel Robinson, Pastor  
Eld. Wallace Asst. Pastor  
Mother Ella Moore, Church Mother  
L. Moore, Reporter

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